

DARION HESTER

3D ANIMATOR

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EDUCATION

University of Silicon Valley
Bachelor of Arts
Digital Arts & Animation
August 2016-August 2020

Animation Collaborative
Intro to Body Mechanics
with Frank Abney
January 2023-April 2023

Women in Animation
3D Animators: Improve Your Skills and
Grow Your Career with Lianne Maritzer
April 2023-July 2023

SKILLS

- Detail Orientated
 - Customer Engagement
 - Organized
 - Team Collaboration
 - Problem Solving
 - Adaptability
 - Communication
 - Time Management
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PROGRAMS

- Word
- Zoom
- Procreate
- Maya
- Syncketch
- Perforce
- Photoshop
- Illustrator
- After Effects
- Premiere Pro

WORK EXPERIENCE

CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST, CABRAL JEEP

JULY 2024- PRESENT

- Engaged with customers to create strong customer relationships and gather feedback to enhance satisfaction and loyalty.
- Managed document organization precisely, ensuring timely processing and efficient workflow.
- Streamlined appointment scheduling process, reducing wait times and improving overall customer experience at the service center.

CHARACTER ANIMATOR, Contract

DECEMBER 2023-PRESENT

- Crafted intricate, highly detailed scenes featuring complex biped and robotic character animations, elevating project quality and meeting critical deadlines.
- Partnered closely with the Director and teammates via email and Zoom meetings, integrating feedback to refine and enhance animation quality while consistently hitting project milestones.

FREELANCE ARTIST, Self Employed

AUGUST 2020-PRESENT

- Developed high-quality artwork across diverse mediums, from portraits to logos, pushing creative boundaries while meeting client specifications and deadlines.
- Partnered closely with clients to understand their vision, exceed client expectations, and foster long-term relationships.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, Bank of Stockton

OCTOBER 2021 – PRESENT

- Meticulously handle complex financial transactions, maintaining accuracy and adhering to strict regulatory standards in a fast-paced banking environment.
- Fostered positive relationships with clients and team members, contributing to a cohesive work environment and improved customer retention rates.

ART INSTRUCTOR & MANAGER, OAM Studios Art Academy

MAY 2021-OCTOBER 2021

- Effectively interacted with and educated children ages ranging from 4 to 14 to work toward completing art-project-related goals which encouraged self-expression and boosted confidence in young artists.
- Partnered with parents to tailor instruction, ensuring each child's unique artistic needs and aspirations were met.

CHARACTER ANIMATOR, Project X Studios

JANUARY 2020 – AUGUST 2020

- Meticulously crafted intricate animations for biped rigs and props, ensuring accuracy and realism in every scene element.
- Fostered seamless teamwork with animators and producers, optimizing production workflow and enhancing project outcomes.

VISUAL DEVELOPMENT ARTIST AND ANIMATOR, Mediaworks

MAY 2019 - SEPTEMBER 2019

- Was apart of a creative team in developing 2D art assets, fostering a collaborative environment to bring client visions to life through character design and scene creation
- Meticulously animated scenes for ICivics and SMPTE projects, adhering to storyboard directions and ensuring precise visual storytelling.

BEAUTY ADVISOR & LEAD CASHIER, Ulta Beauty

JUNE 2017 – OCTOBER 2021

- Optimized cashier performance through targeted training, enhancing operational efficiency and boosting overall business metrics.
 - Fostered a team-centric environment, promoting knowledge sharing and cross-functional cooperation to elevate customer experiences and boost sales.
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